

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An information handling system including:
 - a processor;
 - memory coupled to the processor;
 - glue logic coupled to the processor for facilitating connection of the processor to other devices;
 - an audio coder and decoder coupled to the glue logic and including a unidirectional Sony-Philips Digital Interface (S/PDIF) digital audio output;
 - a first multi-pin docking connector in a portable portion, wherein only one audio pin of the first multi-pin docking connector is coupled to the audio coder and decoder, and wherein the only one audio pin of the first multi-pin docking connector is coupled to the audio coder and decoder via the unidirectional S/PDIF digital audio output;
 - a second multi-pin docking connector in a docking station, wherein only one audio pin of the second multi-pin docking connector is coupled to the only one audio pin of the first multi-pin docking connector; and
 - a digital audio receiver to convert S/PDIF digital audio to analog audio and including a unidirectional S/PDIF digital audio input, wherein the digital audio receiver is located at the docking station and coupled to the only one audio pin of the second multi-pin docking connector via the unidirectional S/PDIF digital audio input.
2. – 4. (Canceled)
5. (Original) The information handling system of claim 1 wherein the digital audio receiver includes an analog output.
6. (Previously Presented) The information handling system of claim 5 further comprising:
 - a first power amplifier coupled to the analog output.
7. (Previously Presented) The information handling system of claim 6 further comprising:
 - a second power amplifier coupled to the analog output.
8. (Previously Presented) The information handling system of claim 7 further comprising:
 - a subwoofer coupled to the second power amplifier.

9. (Original) The information handling system of claim 8 wherein the docking station includes a substantially closed volume having an aperture.
10. (Original) The information handling system of claim 9 wherein the subwoofer is situated in the aperture to project sound therethrough.
11. (Previously Presented) A method of operating an information handling system including a portable portion and a docking station, the method comprising:
- generating, by the portable portion, a digital audio signal conforming to a Sony-Philips Digital Interface (S/PDIF) standard;
 - sending the digital audio signal across a docking interface between the portable portion and a docking station, wherein the docking interface comprises a first multi-pin docking connector coupled to an audio coder and decoder using only one audio pin of the first multi-pin docking connector, and wherein the only one audio pin of the first multi-pin docking connector is coupled to only one audio pin of a second multi-pin docking connector, and wherein the second multi-pin docking connector is coupled to a digital audio receiver using the only one audio pin of the second multi-pin docking connector;
 - converting the digital audio signal to an analog audio signal; and
 - amplifying the analog audio signal.
12. – 14. (Canceled)
15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 ~~further comprising:~~ wherein the converting the digital audio signal to an analog audio signal includes performing a digital to analog conversion on the digital audio signal after it passes from the first connector to the second connector of the docking interface, thus converting the digital audio signal to an analog audio signal.
16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 ~~further comprising:~~ wherein the amplifying the analog audio signal includes amplifying the analog audio signal by a first audio amplifier thus providing a first amplified analog audio signal.
17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 further comprising:
- providing the first amplified analog audio signal to a line out output of the docking station.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 including amplifying the analog audio signal by a second audio amplifier thus providing a second amplified analog audio signal.
19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 further comprising:
 - providing the second amplified analog audio signal to a subwoofer loudspeaker.
20. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein the docking station exhibits a substantially closed volume.
21. (Previously Presented) Apparatus for operating a portable information handling system (IHS) comprising:
 - a docking station coupled to the IHS;
 - means for generating a digital audio signal conforming to a Sony-Philips Digital Interface (S/DIF) standard;
 - means for sending the digital audio signal across a docking interface between the IHS and the docking station, wherein the docking interface comprises a first multi-pin docking connector coupled to an audio coder and decoder using only one audio pin of the first multi-pin docking connector, and wherein the only one audio pin of the first multi-pin docking connector is coupled to only one audio pin of a second multi-pin docking connector, and wherein the second multi-pin docking connector is coupled to a digital audio receiver using the only one audio pin of the second multi-pin docking connector;
 - a converter for converting the digital audio signal to an analog audio signal; and
 - means for amplifying the audio analog signal.